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K1PRB CALLING . . . Wellesley's John B. Porter operates voice transmitter during a recent 26-hour simulated emergency. The amateur operators, under Porter's direction, met at the Town Hall on a Saturday noon and by 2 p.m. had set up equipment that communicated with other amateurs in 26 states and two Canadian provinces.

Wellesley Amateurs In Nationwide Simulated Emergency Radio Test

The weekend of June 27 was the time for feverish activity on the Town Hall lawn when the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society took part in the nationwide American Radio Relay League's Annual Field Day exercise. The exercise took place continuously from 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 27 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 28. The American Radio Relay League's preparedness program is designed to set up and operate short wave radio stations under emergency conditions using only battery or portable generator power. The Wellesley Fire Department supplied emergency power. In case of rain, the Society was well supplied with two tents.

Directed by John B. Porter, K1PRB, the Society's members assembled at the Town Hall at twelve noon. By 2:00 p.m. equipment had been installed. They were ready to go. During the 26 hour period using voice and Morse code transmissions Wellesley Amateurs contacted other amateur radio stations in 26 states and two Canadian provinces. Some of the states were: California, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois as well as most New England states. By 4:00 p.m. Sunday, June 28, they were tired, but happy for a job well done.

George P. DeCoen, Wellesley Civil Defense Director has high praise for the Society's support for Civil Defense aims and purposes. Many of the Society's radio operators are also active in the Wellesley Civil Defense Communication System. Wellesley amateurs operating the equipment were: Dr. William Emerson, WA1EVD, the Society's President; Roger P. Smith, W1EOA, Wellesley C.D. radio Officer; Douglas Maddix, W1FJN; Brad Malt, WA1HUH; Marshall Cannell, WA1DMC; Ludwig Fasolino, WA1DRC; John B. Porter, K1PRB; Tom Sobel, WA1KSW; John Ashburne, WA1JMR; and Bill Adkisson, K1ESU.

The Wellesley Amateur Radio Society wishes to express its appreciation to the Wellesley Fire and Police Departments, Wellesley Civil Defense and the Public Works Department for their support and assistance. The Society looks forward to another successful Field Day exercise next year.